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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for inhibition of pathological angiogenesis in a tissue prone to pathological angiogenesis and expressing a6β4 integrin, comprising the steps of exposing the tissue to a therapeutic agent effective to reduce the amount of active  $\alpha 6\beta 4$  integrin in the tissue, wherein the therapeutic agent targets and inhibits the signaling function of  $\beta 4$ , thereby inhibiting pathological angiogenesis.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tissue is present in a living organism.
- The method of claim 2, wherein the living organism is human. 3. (previously presented)
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the therapeutic agent is an antibody.
- 6. (withdrawn, currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.
- 7. (currently amended) A method for treatment of a disease condition associated with pathological angiogenesis in a patient, comprising the step of administering to the patient an amount of a therapeutic agent effective to reduce the amount of active α6β4 integrin, wherein the therapeutic agent targets and inhibits the signaling function of \beta 4 thereby inhibiting pathological angiogenesis.

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8. (previously presented)

The method of claim 7 wherein the patient is human.

9. (previously presented)

The method of claim 8, wherein the therapeutic agent is an

antibody.

10. (withdrawn)

The method of claim 8, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.

11-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented)

The method of claim 7, wherein the therapeutic agent is an

antibody.

16. (withdrawn)

The method of claim 7, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.

17. (previously presented)

The method of claim 3, wherein the therapeutic agent is an

antibody.

18. (withdrawn)

The method of claim 3, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.

19. (previously presented)

The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is an

antibody.

20. (withdrawn)

The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is an RNAi species.